

Acclamations Are Given in Most Nearby Townships

Nelson Only Township in Halton to Have Election—Eramosa Council All Returned

Monday was nomination day in many of the townships near here and in most cases the officials serving last year have been returned by acclamation. Nelson Township is the only one in Halton that will see the electors go to the polls next Monday to choose the 1943 officials. Following are the nominations in which Free Press readers will be interested.

ESQUIMAUX TOWNSHIP

(Council returned by acclamation)
REEVE—Howard May, Norval.
DEPUTY-REEVE—W. G. Murray.

COUNCILLORS

—George Cleave, George Currie and W. A. Wilson, all of Georgetown.

NASSAGAWAYA TOWNSHIP

(Council returned by acclamation)
REEVE—Alexander Near, farmer, Rockwood.

COUNCILLORS

—L. Crawford, lumber merchant, Campbellville; John Robertson, farmer, Rockwood; William Vansickle, manufacturer, Campbellville, and J. E. Eilenton, farmer, Campbellville.

NELSON TOWNSHIP

REEVE—Leslie Kerns, Freeman, farmer, present reeve; Mary S. Pettit, Freeman, housewife; William J. Robertson, Milton, farmer; John McNiven, Campbellville, farmer.

DEPUTY REEVE

—Elmer C. Foster, Campbellville, farmer; E. Leslie Peir, Milton, farmer; Colin Smith, Freeman, fruit grower; George W. Thorpe, Aldershot, gardener.

COUNCILLORS

—(three, to be elected) —Herbert Alton, Tansley, farmer; John H. Alton, Burlington, fruit grower; Elmer C. Foster, Campbellville, farmer; William Dale, Campbellville, farmer; W. S. Imber, Port Nelson, plumber; Charles Readhead, Milton, farmer; Mary S. Pettit, Freeman, housewife; G. Leslie Peir, Milton, farmer.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

(five to be elected) —J. M. Alderson, farmer; W. Brecken, farmer; Bradford Clements, farmer; John Frank, Duff, business man; Elmer C. Foster, farmer; Paul Fisher, fruit grower; Mrs. David Harkley, housewife; William Harkley, housewife; Leslie Kefns, farmer; Matilda Linley, gardener; John McNiven, farmer; Mary S. Pettit, housewife; Charles Readhead, farmer; William J. Robertson, farmer; W. Laurie Smith, fruit grower; Colin Smith, fruit grower.

TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP

(Council returned by acclamation)
REEVE —Norman H. Gilbert, Bromie.

DEPUTY-REEVE

—Wilfred S. Hall, Oakville.

COUNCILLORS

—Stanley Bentley, Milton; Wilbert H. Biggar, Oakville; and Emerson Ford, Hornby.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

—Harvey S. Lyon, Oakville and Robert Meares, Palompa (acclamation).

WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSIONER

—George N. Fish, Oakville.

ERAMOSIA TOWNSHIP

All of Eramosa Township Council have been returned by acclamation. The council consists of D. D. Gray, Reeve; W. J. Pinkney, R. H. Bonham, Joseph R. Rutherford, Roy I. Leslie.

ROCKWOOD

Trustees for Rockwood Police Village nominated. Monday comprise Charles R. Thatcher, John Lisber, George Gordon and Chester O. Plank.

DUSLINCHE TOWNSHIP

Besides Donald A. Stewart, nominated for reeve in Duslinche, five men were nominated for council. They are Robert T. Amos, Albert McWilliams, George Maxwell, Daniel J. Hesketh and James Starkey. The first four have qualified.

EAST GARAFRANA TOWNSHIP

(Council returned by acclamation)
REEVE—Hugh Reid, Orangeville, present reeve and warden of Dufferin county.

COUNCILLORS

—James Byers, Orton; James Johnston, Waldemar; Elwood Brown, Bellwood; and Noah King, Orton.

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL AREA BOARD

(five to be elected) —Russell Oliver, Aramanth Station, Glenville; Taylor, Orton; Frank Goodall, Bellwood; Norman Prentice, Orton; George May, Orton; Thomas Cook, Orton; Chester Wilson, Orton; Frank Rae, Waldemar; Jerry Thompson, Orton, and David Jasta, Orton.

GERMAN DOMESTIC PROBLEM

STOCKHOLM, (CP). In Berlin newspapers arriving here some acclamations held out for domestic servants wanted are "chickens kept and two pigs will be killed in the winter" and "four to eight weeks holiday on Baltic coast."

More Than The Old Gray Mare

Ain't What She Used To Be

My how time flies! Just occurred to me that it's twenty-five years since I came back to Acton after being away for five years. That means it's just twenty-five years since Tom's Farm Texas discarded hand-setting of the small type for the paper had had it all set by machine. That machine installed then is still doing good service every week-day setting the type for these columns.

I haven't any idea of how many lines that machine has set in type but the changes in those twenty-five years that have been recorded have been many.

Twenty-five years ago there wasn't any waterworks in Acton, only the kind worked by hand. I recall that the source of supply for drinking water on Bower Avenue was a well on the property now occupied by Mr. E. M. Schroeder; another at Town Hall and I think a pump at the residence owned by Chief Harrop. It was a three-times-a-day chore in winter to bring in a fresh supply of drinking water and in summer the trips were more numerous.

Fire protection was limited twenty-five years ago to the capacity of the old steam pumper and the supply in the wells fed by drain from Corporation Pond. To-day not only the old engine is gone but Corporation Pond is gone too and only a creek runs down through the property. We've had two different fire trucks too.

Twenty-five years ago there was no arena in the park. Skating was on the old rink down on Willow Street next to Baxter Laboratories and later at the rink erected by Beardmore & Co. and of which the Legion Hall is a part. There wasn't a covered ice surface in any of the surrounding communities. Some of you will recall the struggle to secure Acton's Arena. It was recorded on the Lino-type installed a quarter of a century ago.

The Continuation School was in the brick section over the old stone part of the public school. In those twenty-five years Fairview Place was destroyed by fire and the building and grounds acquired and made into the present High School property.

There wasn't any athletic grounds for bowling and tennis on Mill Street twenty-five years ago. That's where the home of Wm. Beardmore stood before fire destroyed it and there after a lapse of a few years the place was fitted up by Beardmore & Co. and bowling courts and tennis courts have since been added.

The Y.M.C.A. is of course an acquisition of this twenty-five year period, made possible through the benevolence of the late J. A. Murray. The Masons met in a hall on Main Street, since destroyed by fire. The library was in the room at the Town hall, now used by City Library and the Public Utilities didn't require an office to look after the few Hydro accounts handled then.

Acton didn't have a paved roadway in 1917 and Mill Street had a sort of tarvin surface that required a new top dressing every few years. There was little attempt to stop the dirt nuisance in summer and garbage was disposed of in dumps in the park or near Lindsay's mill.

Mason Knitting Co., Acton Machine Shops, Force Electric Products, Ajax Engineers, Superior Glove Works, Wood Combining Corporation, Canadian Wool Company, Baxter Laboratories, Armaco Ceramic plant, are all new industries in Acton in the past twenty-five years. Beardmore & Co. and Storey & Love Co. are our oldest established industries and were going strong long before this period.

The park had a barn-like entrance on Park Avenue and Kings Avenue hadn't been opened as a through street and there were about three houses erected in this sub-dixian Cameron Street hadn't any houses on it at all and neither had that section on south Main Street been erected. But it's not possible to recall buildings since erected for residences.

These are just a few of the things we recall locally of those twenty-five years. We might go on and mention the general use of radio, automobiles, airplanes, etc., that have developed in that same period but this column

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1942...1943

A Better... Brighter New Year

1942 has only a few more hours left. 1943 will soon be ushered in. It is a time of parting and welcoming. The year just closing has had its sunshine and clouds. The year we are entering will too have its bright periods and its times of sadness. But in looking back the year ending has made a notable advance along the road to Victory. In all the three years of the war the past one has seen more parting of the clouds and more filtering through of the sunshine and prospects of ultimate peace once again over all the earth.

1942 has seen the offensive taken from the enemy and grasped by the Allies on every front. It has seen the war and its disastrous effects brought home to German and Italian people. 1942 has given much reason for thankfulness and good foundation for hope for 1943. Faith has been renewed that the task is not impossible.

No powers of clairvoyancy are required to predict that 1943 holds more of the clouds before the sunshine of peace can come. Whether it will come during the year or not depends solely on the determination of ourselves. It is no time to slacken up, but rather a time to put on the final effort to end the struggle. It is a time for everyone on the battlefield or the home front to summon all the strength available for the knock-out blow.

1943 will be a year of opportunity for our cause. The strength put into that opportunity will depend upon the individuals. Every small part is important to the whole.

May it bring happiness again to all lands and all people. May the peace won through the struggles of the new year and the years of the past be founded on principles that are firm and lasting.

A BRIGHTER AND BETTER NEW YEAR TO ALL

Week of Prayer Services Arranged For Acton Churches

The Universal Week of Prayer services arranged for next week will have services in Acton on Tuesday to Friday evenings at 8 p.m. each, evening at the following churches in Acton and the subjects as indicated:

Tuesday, January 5th—Anglican Church, "Our Christian Heritage."

Wednesday, January 6th—Presbyterian Church, "The Faith of the World Church."

Thursday, January 7th—Baptist Church, "God's Answer to a War-Divided World."

Friday, January 8th—United Church, "Evangelization on a World Front."

HALTON FARMERS ARE BREEDING MORE SOWS

Halton Agricultural leaders at a recent meeting of the Halton Agricultural War Service Committee reported, without exception, that additional sows are being kept in their respective areas. This is definitely a step in the right direction both from the standpoint of monetary returns to the individual hog feeder and also from the standpoint of our war effort.

Canada has undertaken to produce eight million hogs in 1943 in contrast to 6 1/2 million in 1942. In other words it calls for a 28% increase in hog production. This increase required in Ontario amounts to approximately one extra sow per farm where pigs are now being kept. Part of this increase can be secured by reducing the mortality in young pigs, which normally runs from 20% to 35%. This mortality can be reduced materially by a little greater care of the sow before and after farrowing. Lack of exercise for the sow is responsible for many weak litters. In the winter and early spring the failure to feed iron to the young pigs is another important factor.

In view of the fact that Canada has harvested the largest crop of grain in her history, feed supplies would appear ample for two years even though 1943 crops may not come up to normal. Furthermore, grain prices in comparison to hog prices are favorable. True, labor is scarce but by means of labor saving devices the piglet from an extra sow can be raised with very little additional labor. An additional sow bred immediately can produce a ton of pork in ten months. It would also be reasonable to assume that hog producers are assured of a higher average price in 1943 than in the preceding 12 months. As a matter of fact it is the general opinion that present hog prices will be at least maintained for the duration of the war, and for at least one year after. By speaking to your local trucker suitable sows can be secured for immediate breeding if such are not available on the home

Mr. Hugh Jordan Marks 93rd Birthday On New Year's Day

Friends and neighbors of the Dublin community extend heartiest birthday greetings to Mr. Hugh Jordan who on New Year's Day of 1943 celebrates his 93rd birthday.

Grandpa Jordan spent his boyhood and early manhood days in the village of Belwood and we feel sure that should there be any of his boyhood friends read this item in The Acton Free Press they too will join with us in birthday greetings to this grand old man.

Not until after grandpa's 80th birthday did he find it necessary to wear spectacles but at the present time his eyesight is just not so good. However, he cheerfully accepts his lot and quite readily acknowledges that during his many years he has received many blessings and that God has been very good to him.

Grandpa can relate many incidents that have happened along life's path, way and while he does not feel quite able to step out to the "Scottish Reel" at the present time, he still feels quite able to "call off" a dance that would put the younger folks of today on their toes to step along too.

"We all join in wishing Grandpa Jordan many more years of good health and happiness."

BUS DRIVER IS FATALLY INJURED AS VEHICLE LEAVES ROAD

On his way back to Guelph from Kitchener with an extra "chipped" typewriter, Allan Bailey, 69 Yarmouth St., Guelph, driver for Gray Coach Lines, was fatally injured when his bus went off the road two miles west of Breslau and hit a maple tree in the centre of the ditch. The bus was empty at the time.

The bus was due in Guelph at 1:10 a.m. but the accident must have occurred some time before 1:15 a.m. Christmas morning, according to Arthur Humphries, 33 Raglan Road, who noticed the bus off the road on his way back to Guelph from Kitchener and notified police.

Bailey suffered a fractured arm, leg and skull. He died at the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital about nine o'clock Friday morning. At noon Friday the body had been removed to the Kitchener-Waterloo morgue and no official statement had been made as to whether an inquest would be held or not.

His widow and one child have left for Toronto, where the late Allan Bailey's parents live. It is understood Bailey had applied for enlistment in the Royal Canadian Navy and was awaiting call. The road on Christmas eve was very slippery and visibility was bad.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by GUY RHOADES Canadian Press Staff Writer

For the first year-end since the war started the Allies hold the initiative all over the world.

From the Solomon Islands to the Western Front as the year approaches its turn they are harassing the Axis enemies on land, in the air and by sea.

In Russia the Red Army has launched new offensives, chasing the enemy on some fronts as fast as 75 miles a day. In Libya Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's forces have found themselves hard put to maintain contact with Marshal Erwin Rommel's rearguard. Erwin Rommel intends to make a stand.

Across Europe the R.A.F., the R.C.A.F. and they allied forces, have been striking with ever-increasing superiority against Germany, Italy and Axis-occupied countries, smashing vital factories, water, rail and highway communications.

Italians, hungry war-tired and jittery, have fled from bomb-scarred manufacturing cities, wandering without homes about the countryside, seeking food and shelter from relatives who have little room and not enough food for themselves.

Behind the Lines

In Russia the 11 1/2 people behind the lines have risen as their army promises them freedom, taking over Nazi stores, derailing trains, sniping at Axis soldiers and seeking as far as their strength goes to cut off groups of the enemy for annihilation. In China and Burma the Allies are on the offensive in the air. In the Solomon Islands they have held the offensive in the air and on the ground.

In the Aleutian Islands, atop the world where the Northern Hemisphere's hot weather is born, American and Canadian planes have been smashing Japanese bases whenever the clouds have broken sufficiently to enable them to see the ground.

On the fringes of the Nazi defence of conquered Europe the Royal Navy has maintained a patrol along the Norwegian west coast line, blockading coastal shipping. Across the broad Atlantic the Allies command a supply route to Africa where they have obtained use of the once-threatening harbor of Dakar in the west.

Throughout coastal north-Europe the Germans have given evidence of acute nervousness, apparently in fear of a spring invasion from Britain or a combined invasion from Britain and North America such as struck Africa. The Italians are scared lest the Allies strike at the "belly of the Axis."

Confidence in 1943

Allied leaders, cautioning that the job ahead is long and tough, have been cautiously optimistic. The Axis has been cautiously pessimistic.

Axis leaders have tried to explain their setbacks and have enjoined and threatened their nationals in their efforts to pull them out of their gloom. They have had to acknowledge bad military news.

Allied leaders have expressed increasing confidence in the future. They don't have to cajole or "hush" their people who have never lost confidence in the whole three years of depressive war.

Execution and Funeral

Exemplary retribution followed swiftly after the Christmas Eve assassination of Admiral Jean Darlan, former vice-president of the Vichy government, who had cooperated with the Allied Nations in taking over the French North African colonies.

The unnamed 22-year-old assassin, described as of French origin with an Italian mother still living in Italy, was shot at dawn December 26.

The funeral of Admiral Darlan was held from Algiers Cathedral the same day with attending military ceremonies in which the highest officers of the Allied Nations took part. Correspondents noted that Mme. Darlan, widow of the admiral, was attended by Allied Nations representatives as the troops of Great Britain, United States and France marched past.

Talk in London was that Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French, who disapproved strongly of the arrangement by which Darlan took over African colonial leadership under the Allied Nations' occupation, would formally declare himself for unity among all pro-Allied French elements if Gen. Henri Giraud was appointed successor to Darlan's head of French Africa. He was already "acting chief."

British Advance

Meanwhile the British 8th Army continued its advance in the wake of Marshal Rommel's retreating forces in Libya. The British occupied Sirte.

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Halton Salvage Drive Nets 142 Tons Scrap Metal to Date

The county salvage drive for scrap metal and rubber organized in November by the Halton County Council and the Halton Agricultural War Service Committee resulted in 142 1/2 tons of scrap metal and 1 1/2 tons of rubber being salvaged. Nelson Township under the leadership of Deputy Reeve W. J. Robertson, and W. E. Brecken, President of the Agricultural War Service Committee, and their co-workers did a splendid job gathering and disposing of over 60 tons of scrap metal. This is all the more noteworthy when it is taken into consideration that in addition to localized salvage drives held in Nelson, a general township drive was held under the auspices of the Nelson Home Guards approximately two years ago. The results in Nelson not only proves what can be accomplished by an organized drive with energetic local leadership, but also indicates that one drive in a community or township does not mean that all salvage material has been cleaned up.

Nassagaweya also has been doing a good job under the leadership of Reeve Alex. Near during the past year. Unfortunately no records are available of the amount gathered in the past 12 months, but we understand a large amount has been turned in to the Acton War Services Committee.

Unfortunately the drive in many communities clashed with all fillings and threshings, and in addition, difficulty was encountered in securing trucks to make the necessary collection prior to the freeze-up and snow fall. Consequently the drive is far from completed in at least half of the county, and still much heavy metal so badly needed for war effort is still lying in fence corners and barnyards.

We would however, like to take this opportunity of congratulating Gordon John Blair, the Township Hooves, President W. E. Brecken and his township, and school section key-men of the Agricultural War Service Committee, on the results of their drives held at a very busy season of the year. An excellent start has been made, let us hope it will be completed at the earliest opportunity.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH THE PAST WEEK

The celebration of Christmas at St. Alban's Church began with the midnight Eucharist on Christmas eve which was fully choral and opened with the Adeste Fideles. The church was garlanded with evergreens and red poinsettias. Part of the music of the Communion, used was the simple Merbecke setting written at the request of Archbishop Cranmer in the 16th Century.

Rev. E. A. Brooks was the celebrant and preacher. In his brief Christmas message he said that the theme of the service had been set by the opening hymn with its "Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord." He quoted the Baron Von Hugel as stating that the essence of religion is adoration, that the deepest need of our nature is adoring prayer. The life force is the tendency to "glory for us" rather than to "glory be to God" religion. Yet religion is founded on what God is and was and ever would have been if He had never uttered the fiat of creation. Christianity consists in three points: to regard Jesus, which is adoration, to be united to Jesus, which is communion, and to work in Jesus, which is cooperation.

"The shepherds said let us go now even unto Bethlehem" (Lutheran). Here at the altar is our house of bread, our Bethlehem. You know what bread is the staff of life. Here at the altar is the Staff of Life.

Other services were held on Christmas Day and on the Sunday after Christmas, St. John the Evangelist Day, concluding with a carol service by candlelight at 7 p.m. This service was held around the seven traditional lessons and in addition to the more familiar ones included some very beautiful lesser known ones. Boys soloists were Bob and Ted Road-knight, the latter singing the Indian carol "Jesus Abanobin" (Huron, Jesus is Born) by St. Jean de Brebeuf to Dr. Healy Williams' arrangement. Due to weather conditions attendance was small, and in consequence the service will be repeated with variations for Epiphany on Sunday evening January 10th. The church was again in the reading of the Scriptures. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men," the battle hymn "Milk and Honey" and the people's response "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation."

An Acton Home Suffers Double Bereavement

Mr. Peter Greenwood, Toronto, Passed Away Suddenly at Funeral of Mr. August Anderson

Yesterday at the home of Mr. August Anderson, Church Street, was mourning the loss of a beloved husband and father, another bereavement came suddenly and Peter Greenwood, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who was attending the funeral service, collapsed and passed away in a few minutes. Mr. Greenwood had motored from Toronto that morning with his mother, Mrs. Martha Greenwood and had been about his duties as usual with the Toronto Transportation Commission. In their great sorrow the wife and little Barbara and Frank, the mother and all the family have the deepest sympathy of many friends here.

On Monday August Anderson who has been in failing health for some time passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph. He was in his seventy-ninth year. A native of Sweden, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson lived at Breslau before coming to Acton twenty-seven years ago. For many years he had charge of the railway siding into the Beardmore & Co. plant until an injury to his hand made it necessary for him to retire from active service. A man who always had a greeting for everyone, he will be missed about the community as well as in the home. He was a member of the United Church.

Besides his wife who was before marriage, Miss Lovina Schoelder, he leaves a son and daughter, Clarence of Guelph and Mrs. Peter Greenwood of Toronto and two grandchildren, Barbara and Frank Greenwood. To all of these sympathy goes at this time.

The funeral service was held at the home yesterday afternoon with Mr. Anderson's pastor, Rev. A. W. Foxbury in charge assisted by Rev. Mr. Krause of Kitchener. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton. The pallbearers were Messrs. Geo. Mann, W. J. O. Oakes, A. T. Brown, Nelson Lambert, E. Jones and Bert Mason.

Among the floral tributes which also bore testimony of sympathy and esteem were those from the family; the Worden family of Guelph; Greenwood family, Guelph; Acton United Church; Mrs. Baum and family; Thos. Brydon and Wm. Way of Guelph; Adam Sipple, Milverton; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason, Acton. Flowerbearers were Messrs. S. Husband and A. Sinclair.

Among those from out-of-town attending the funeral were Mrs. Eby, Miss Newman, and Mr. Newman of Kitchener, Mrs. M. Greenwood of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood of Guelph.

MR. S. G. BENNETT SHOWS PICTURES IN TECHNICOLOR OF DIEPPE

A program of technical movies of great current interest took place on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall when Mr. S. G. Bennett showed pictures of the top taken by Mrs. Bennett and himself to Europe in 1928. Scenes included the crossing on the "Normandy," the beaches at Dieppe and the town itself, scenes at Heideberg, Nazi troops in Berlin, German highways, Rhinias, Rouen, Vimy, the Alps, Paris, Strasbourg, many scenes of the English countryside including Bourne-mouth, Devonshire and Vloody and extensive shots made at the English Derby. Pictures were also shown of the Island of Antwerp. These pictures proved a thrilling experience for those who saw them. The event was sponsored by St. Alban's Sunday School and the proceeds were devoted to the local organization of the Navy League of Canada. The thanks of the audience to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were expressed by Mr. Fred Wright.

Coming Events

All members of Meetings, Conventions or other Events, under their names, are charged to contribute to the maintenance of the same.

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers will be held on Thursday, January 7th, at Lorne School.

The Bannockburn Literary Society is holding a dance at the school on January 5th. Proceeds for War Work. Fisher's Orchestra—Everybody welcome.